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FOLLOWING ARE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF EXCHANGE BETWEEN RAY HNATYSHYN (PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT) AND ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES MINISTER GILLESPIE DURING HOUSE OF COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD JUNE 9:

QUOTE. MR. HNATYSHYN: ... MY QUESTION IS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND IT RELATES TO THE STATEMENT MADE LAST WEEK BY THE PRESIDENT OF GULF OIL CORPORATION THAT HE HAD BEEN ORDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL URANIUM PRICEFIXING CARTEL WHICH OPERATED BETWEEN 1972 AND 1975. IN VIEW OF THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATIONS INTO ANTITRUST ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS AND THE DOLLARS 2.5 BILLION WORTH OF LITIGATION CARRIED ON BY WESTINGHOUSE IN THE UNITED STATES, WILL THE MINISTER TELL THE HOUSE WHAT ACTION THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING TO RESOLVE THIS SITUATION?

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MINISTER GILLESPIE: ... THERE IS NO SECRET ABOUT THE FACT THAT CANADA WAS ENGAGED IN A PRODUCERS GROUP OR PRODUCERS CLUB AIMED AT TRYING TO PROVIDE A STABILITY OF PRICE FOR URANIUM, AND INDEED THE SURVIVAL OF CERTAIN COMMUNITIES IN CANADA. THE QUESTION WHICH HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF GULF IN A RECENT STATEMENT IS THAT THE CANADIAN SUBSIDIARY PASSED INFORMATION TO

THE UNITED STATES PARENT CORPORATION AND THAT SOME OF THAT INFORMATION MAY BE MADE PUBLIC IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ORIGINATING FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES. IT IS SOMETHING I REGRET VERY MUCH, AND WE TOOK ACTION TO PREVENT IT HAPPENING. UNQUOTE. ENDERS

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